



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Mayor Tom Barrett today released the following statement regarding AirTran's bid for Midwest Airlines:

"I have had good conversations with executives from both Midwest Airlines and Air Tran. I intend to support an outcome that is in the best interests of the residents and travelers in southeast Wisconsin and the employees of Midwest Airlines.

We love having a hometown airline and my support for it remains strong. Midwest is a solid company and, under the leadership of Mr. Tim Hoeksema, continues to be an exemplary corporate citizen. Its presence is very important to Milwaukee.

I pledged to work with Mr. Hoeksema and Midwest Airlines so that the outcome is one that is in the best interests of the company, its employees and Milwaukee."